

PAMPA FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 105 Low 68	High 104 Low 74	High 104 Low 74

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 71. Breezy, with a south wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 105. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 68. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 104. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 74. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 104. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 74. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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Obituaries

E.E. "Shelly" Shelhamer, 98

E.E. "Shelly" Shelhamer, 98, died Sunday, June 26, 2011, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at First Baptist Church with Rev. Barry Owens, associate pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors:

Mr. Shelhamer was born August 3, 1912, in Sumner Co., Kan. He graduated from Winfield High School in Winfield, Kan. and attended Southwestern College in Winfield. Shelly came to Pampa in 1936 from Winfield. He married Lois Martin on June 11, 1939, in Pampa. Shelly was a veteran of the U.S. Army Signal Corps during WWII and was discharged as a staff sergeant. He was secretary/treasurer of Beacon Supply for 25 years and became a partner with Bob and Gene Sidwell. After retiring from Beacon in 1961, Shelly was an agent for Southwestern Life Insurance Co. for several years. He was a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church and was secretary of the Everyman's Bible Class for over 55 years. Shelly was a member and past president of Pampa Rotary Club and received the Paul Harris Fellowship Award in 2008. He was a member of the Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees for four years, serving as president for one year. He was a member of the Pampa Senior Citizens Center board for over 30 years. Shelly was a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM, past board member of Adobe Walls Council of Boy Scouts of America, and was a past president of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Shelhamer of the home; two sons, Dr. Gene Shelhamer and wife Carolyn of Abilene, and Dr. Jim Shelhamer and wife Ruth of Kensington, Md.; a daughter, Pam Grant of Denver, Colo.; ten grandchildren, Dee Howard, Melissa Burns, Lori Patter-



Shelhamer

son, Melanie Willis, Alan Shelhamer, Kristi Muehlstein, Claire Neill, Lindsay Grant, Ian Grant, and Joel Grant; and 11 great-grandchildren, Matt Howard, Sara Howard, Lahne Burns, Lauren Burns, Lance Burns, Lindy Patterson, Laney Patterson, Amelia Shelhamer, Gracie Shelhamer, Vera Mae Foster, and Olivia Rae Grant.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066 or Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Randy Young, 26

Randy Young, 26, died Saturday, June 25, 2011, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rick King officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Randy was born October 21, 1984, in Pampa. He attended Pampa schools.

Randy pursued music passionately with his friends. In October of 2006, he found his true calling when he became a father. Randy loved his boys and countless friends.

Survivors include his wife, Loria Young of the home; two sons, Ryden Young and Razdan Young both of the home; parents, Archie and Mitzy Young both of Pampa; grandmothers, Ruth Collier and Marilyn Bryant both of Amarillo; one sister, Robyn Sanders and husband Michael of Pampa; one brother Charles Young and wife Cindy of Amarillo; three nephews, Josh Sanders of Stinnett, Aaron Sanders of Pampa and Timothy Wells of Amarillo; many aunts and uncles. Randy was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Harce Bryant, and his paternal grandparents, Jack and Marjorie Bristow.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Young

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents over the weekend.

Animal control officers reported 24 animal-related incidents.

There were 53 traffic-related incidents and three accidents.

Pampa EMS reported 19 ambulance calls.

The Pampa Fire Department responded to one accident, nine medical calls and one investigation.

Friday, June 24

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 800 block of N. Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of N. Sumner.

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

An escort was provided in Lefors.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 800 block of N. Sumner.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2100 block of N. Christy.

A threat was reported in the 500 block of N. Hobart.

A follow-up investiga-

tion was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 500 block of N. Lowry.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2300 block of N. Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2800 block of N. Charles.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1200 block of S. Wilcox.

Harassment was reported in the 400 block of N. West.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of W. Albert.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 800 block of N. Sumner.

A building check was reported in the 2800 block of N. Charles.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 600 block of N. Wells.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra Dr.

A building check was reported in the 1400 block of N. Sumner.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Theft was reported in the

1100 block of W. Crane Rd.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of Alcock.

Public intoxication was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart.

A burglary was reported in the 1100 block of S. Varnon Dr.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of N. Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 1800 block of N. Dogwood.

Phone harassment was reported in the 500 block of N. Faulkner.

A building check was reported in the 1600 block of E. Hwy. 60.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 900 block of N. Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of S. Huff Rd.

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of S. Gillespie.

A good intent call was reported in the 1400 block of W. Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of N. Duncan.

A motorist assist was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of N. Frost.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of Wilks.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2200 block of N. Nelson.

A welfare check was reported in the 1200 block of E. Frederic.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2200 block of N. Nelson.

An alarm was reported in the 800 block of W. Kingsmill.

A welfare check was reported in the 300 block of W. Foster.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of W. Foster.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of N. Duncan.

Found property was reported at One Medical Plaza.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1100 block of N. Starkweather.

A hit and run was reported in the 1300 block of Terrace.

A burglary was reported in the 1200 block of E. Kingsmill.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

An assault was reported in at One Medical Plaza.

A sewer choke was reported in the 1100 block of E. Francis.

Endangering a child or the elderly was reported in the 700 block of N. Hobart.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A fire investigation was reported in the 100 block of N. Cuyler.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Bond.

A building check was reported in the 1400 block of N. Sumner.

An alarm was reported in the 700 block of S. Cuyler.

A special assignment was reported in the 1100 block of W. Coronado Dr.

Power lines were reported down in the 900 block of S. Finley.

A building check was reported in the 2800 block of N. Charles.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of E. Murphy.

A business check was reported in the 100 block of W. Foster.

An agency assist was reported in the 2200 block of N. Duncan.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Dr.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 400 block of S. Gillespie.

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Williams drops Senate bid

ARLINGTON (AP) — Former Texas Secretary of State Roger Williams has dropped his U.S. Senate bid and is running for a new North Texas congressional seat.

Williams made the announcement Tuesday in Arlington. The businessman previously sought the GOP nomination to replace Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who is not seeking re-election next year.

Williams says he's now running for the U.S. House seat from new District 33, to represent Arlington, south Fort Worth, Parker County and part of Wise County.

The state's new congressional map adds four seats to reflect population growth.

Another Republican named Williams, former Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams, last week abandoned his U.S. Senate bid to seek the District 33 congressional seat.

Escapee 'armed and dangerous'

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — An inmate awaiting a new trial after his 2006 murder conviction was overturned escaped the Walker County Jail early Tuesday by overpowering an unarmed guard and fleeing in a car that had apparently been left for him, the sheriff's department said.

Trent De'Ray Archie, 29, of Huntsville, is "considered armed and dangerous," sheriff's Chief Deputy Butch Davis said.

Archie was being held on a drug possession charge in a general jail population cell when, around 3 a.m., he claimed he needed to call his mother, saying it was the only time he could reach her because she delivers newspapers early in the morning, Davis said.

Archie was escorted to a booking area where he knocked down the jailer and ran, he said. The jailer was not injured in the escape.

"He basically went out the front door," Davis told The Associated Press.

Davis said the jail in Huntsville, about 60 miles north of Houston, is not fully staffed at that time of night.

"We have information that he now has a gray Toyota Camry, (and) a fully loaded 9 mm weapon in the vehicle," Davis said. "We believe there might have been narcotics in the vehicle."

Davis said investigators are trying to determine who left the car for Archie, but did not explain how authorities knew he had drugs and a weapon.

In December 2009 an appeals court reversed Archie's conviction in the 2004 shooting death of Anthony Williams. Archie had been sentenced to 40 years in prison. The defense had challenged testimony allowed from a jailhouse informant.

Life for white supremacist

BEAUMONT (AP) — An East Texas man said by prosecutors to have been a "general" in the white supremacist Aryan Brotherhood of Texas has been sentenced to life imprisonment for ordering the death of a man and woman.

Prosecutors say Carl Carver ordered the killings of Aryan Brotherhood member David Mitchamore and his girlfriend, Christie Rochelle Brown, over a drug debt Mitchamore owed him. The bodies of the pair were found in Nacogdoches County in August 2007.

The killers, Brent Stalsby and Charles Cameron Frazier, have already been sentenced to life in federal prison. Stalsby's wife, Terry Stalsby, was sentenced to 13 years in prison for aiding and abetting the killings.

Peak demand less than expected

AUSTIN (AP) — The manager of the Texas electrical grid is crediting conservation efforts for a peak electrical demand Monday that was less than it had feared when it declared an emergency.

The Energy Reliability Council of Texas said in a statement that demand peaked at 62,762 megawatts between 4 and 5 p.m. Monday, short of the forecast of more than 65,000 megawatts.

ERCOT had declared a Level 1 Energy Emergency Alert and asked consumers and businesses to reduce their energy use from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday. The Level 1 alert allowed ERCOT to tap into power from neighboring grids.

ERCOT Vice President Kent Saathoff said unseasonably hot weather and the loss of several generating units prompted the emergency. A later ERCOT statement says those units will be in service Tuesday.

Fewer holiday travelers expected

HOUSTON (AP) — AAA Texas is predicting less traffic for the Fourth of July holiday period as high gasoline prices impact travel plans.

The association on Monday said the number of Texans traveling over the Independence Day period is expected to decline 1.7 percent, compared to last year.

Nearly 2.68 million Texas residents are expected to travel 50 miles or more. Last year about 2.73 million Texans left home for the Fourth of July holiday.

Association spokeswoman Rhonda Wilson says high gasoline prices this spring have started to impact travel, even as prices continue to drop. The average retail price in Texas is \$3.47 a gallon.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has increased patrols through July 6.

Jury selection continues

MANGUM, Okla. (AP) — Efforts to find alternate jurors will continue in the trial of the wife of a former prison warden accused of helping an inmate she allegedly fell in love with escape.

Defense attorney Garvin Isaacs said Monday attorneys have picked 22 prospective jurors from which Parker's 12-member jury will be chosen. Jury selection resumes on Tuesday.

Greer County prosecutors have charged Bobbi Parker with assisting a prisoner to escape for allegedly helping Randolph Dial break out of the Oklahoma State Reformatory in Granite in 1994.

Defense lawyers say she was kidnapped and stayed with Dial for almost 11 years for fear he would harm her family. They were found at a Texas chicken ranch in 2005.

Parker has pleaded not guilty to the charge.

We're paying for easy home equity loans

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Creator's Syndicate

Former football quarterback Dan Marino must have a heavy conscience these days. If you're a sports fan, you remember his legendary prowess on the field, leading the Miami Dolphins. If you're a homeowner, you may remember him better as the guy who pitched you on that "easy home-equity loan ... so you can remodel your kitchen, pay off your bills or take a vacation."

The commercial ran ad nauseum. I even wrote a column at the time, predicting Marino would regret lending his name to this venture. And who can forget those DiTech Funding television commercials, enticing you into a home-equity loan?

DiTech was a subsidiary of General Motors back then. How bad could they be? That was in the days of "what's good for General Motors is good for America!" We all know how that turned out.

Now comes a report from real estate data firm CoreLogic Inc. showing that those who took cash out of their homes a decade ago are "underwater" on their homes at twice the rate of those who didn't borrow against their home equity.

And caveat: These statistics are based only on home-equity loans or second mortgages. They don't include homeowners who completely refinanced and likely took some cash out in the process.

When I recently wrote about the dangers of simply "walking away" from your mortgage loan, several readers commented that in effect, the banks were allowed to walk away from the packages of mortgage loans they guaranteed. These readers noted that the taxpayers bailed out Freddie and Fannie — the "quasi" government agencies that had guaranteed the mortgages. So if the taxpayer could rescue the banks, why not help the individual homeowner?

Good point. And I'd leave it there, because the murky world of high finance can rightly bore you

The Savage Truth on money



Institute. Pollock is worried that all this mortgage debt is your responsibility as a taxpayer but not even acknowledged in the official national debt figures:

"The huge debt of the non-budget agencies and government-sponsored enterprises ('agency debt') fully relies on the credit of the United States, which means by definition exposure of the taxpayers to losses, but it is not accounted for as government debt. (The Federal Reserve notes that such debt) is not 'considered officially' to be part of the total debt of the federal government."

"Not 'considered officially,' but what is it really? It puts the federal budget at risk, or more precisely, subjects it to major uncertainties of credit losses. It represents a kind of off-balance sheet financing for the government."

In other words, the government is hiding its true debt — the debt that we taxpayers are on the hook for — through this "off-balance sheet financing." That's how the website TruthinAccounting.org gets its estimate of the real U.S. debt of \$77 trillion!

If you applied for a new loan (which the government does every time it sells new Treasury bills, notes and bonds) and hid the true nature and amount of your debt, they'd call it bank fraud. When the government does that, they call it Treasury refinancing.

Remember how good it originally felt when you took out that home-equity loan to remodel your kitchen, figuring you'd worry about repayment someday down the road. Well, we're "down that road" now — whether it's home-equity loans or government mortgage guarantees. And that's The Savage Truth!

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and is on the board of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. She appears weekly on WMAQ-Channel 5's 4:30 p.m. newscast, and can be reached at www.terrysavage.com. She is the author of the new book, "The New Savage Number: How Much Money Do You Really Need to Retire?"

Dallas County Commission to meet after FBI search

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas County commissioners were scheduled to meet as usual Tuesday, one day after the FBI searched the office of a six-term commissioner, his top assistant and the home and office of a political consultant.

Public access was limited Monday to the downtown building where the commissioners meet, a structure formerly known as the Texas School Book Depository, after law enforcement personnel and vehicles were seen outside the office of John Wiley Price.

The commissioner, who has held office for a quarter century, said he didn't know the reason for the search but suspected it had to do with his history as a community activist.

"Twenty-seven years I've been in this office, and it's not the first time I've come up against this kind of adversity," he said.

Price, 61, has engaged in numerous public protests, most aimed at improving minority employment. Several have led to his arrest.

Price's attorney, Billy Ravkind, said the FBI declined to tell him when it would unseal the affidavit supporting the search warrant. He said the warrants ask for "everything in the (federal) criminal code."

The veteran criminal defense attorney said he's learned some information about the case from witnesses and that those allegations are "bull." He declined to be more specific but added that the searches are worrisome for Price. "Anyone would be concerned if 20-plus agents dropped down and visited your office," Ravkind told The Associated Press.

The Dallas Morning News said Ravkind provided it with copies of search warrants issued for Price's person and two vehicles, but not copies of other warrants for his home and office. The warrants said agents sought all electronic data from 2001 to the present related to alleged violations of federal charges ranging from bribery and tax evasion to money laundering and structuring of transactions to evade reporting requirements.

FBI spokeswoman Beverly Esselbach said she could confirm that agents were at locations in the Dallas area shown in televised reports. However, she said she couldn't make any other statements about the case.

The searches occurred on the same day as the inauguration of newly elected Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, who received strong support from Price.

Dallas television station WFAA reported that, in 2009, then-Dallas County Judge Jim Foster revealed under oath that Price had been the subject of an FBI probe dating to the previous fall over a huge inland port development in southern Dallas County.

Foster, who lost his bid for re-election to Clay Jenkins last year, answered questions involving an alleged "shakedown" by Price during a deposition earlier this month, the TV station reported. Foster told WFAA he had talked to FBI agents concerning Price "on many occasions."

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, June 28, the 179th day of 2010. There are 186 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 28, 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie, were assassinated in Sarajevo by Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip - the event which sparked World War I.

On this date:

In 1778, the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth took place in New Jersey; it was from this battle that the legend of "Molly Pitcher" arose.

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed in France, ending the First World War. In Independence, Mo., future president Harry S. Truman married Elizabeth Virginia Wallace.

In 1939, Pan American Airways began regular trans-Atlantic air service with a flight that departed New York for Marseilles, France.

In 1950, North Korean forces captured Seoul, the capital of South Korea.

In 1951, a TV version of the radio comedy program "Amos 'N' Andy" premiered on CBS. (While criticized for racial stereotyping, it was the first network TV series to feature an all-black cast.)

In 1978, the Supreme Court ordered the University of California-Davis Medical School to admit Allan Bakke, a white man who argued he'd been a victim of reverse racial discrimination.

In 1991, Joanne Was, a white woman, was attacked by a group of black women at a Detroit fireworks display in an incident captured on amateur video. (Five women later pleaded no contest to charges stemming from the incident.)

In 2000, seven months after he was cast adrift in the Florida Straits, Elian Gonzalez was returned to his native Cuba.

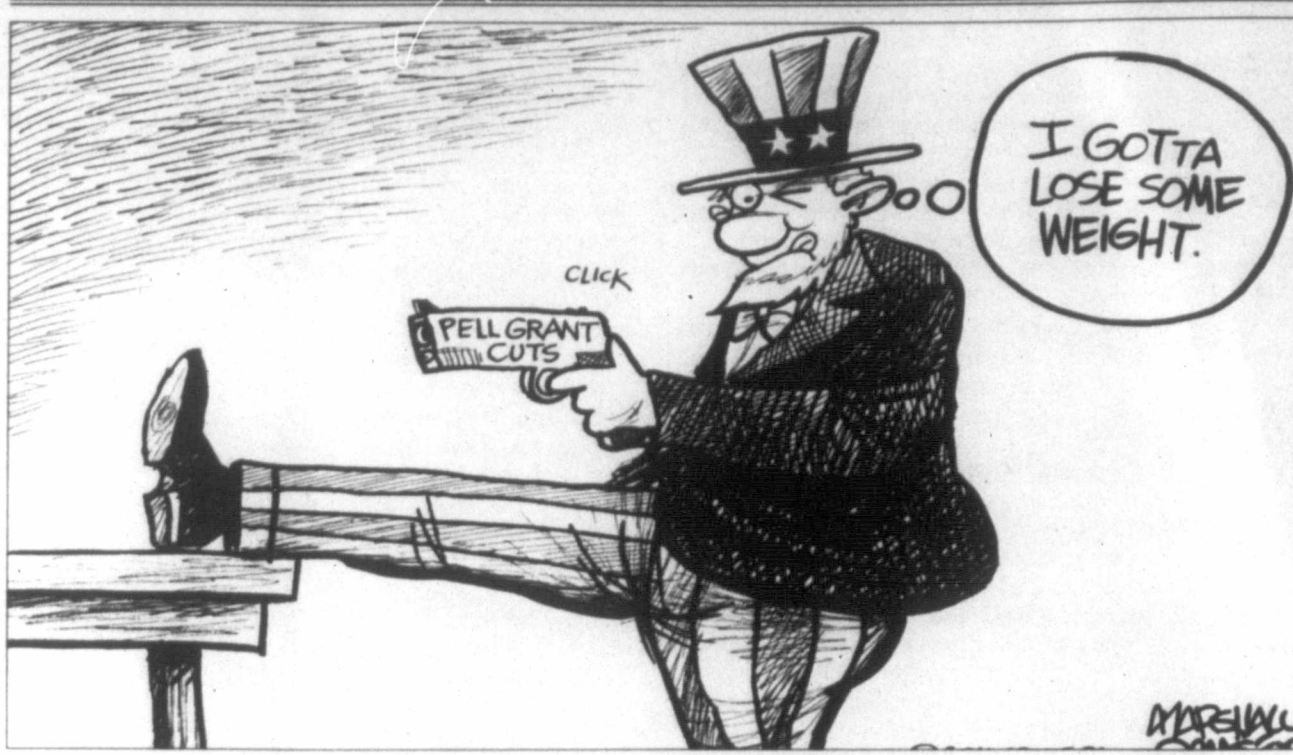
Ten years ago: A unanimous federal appeals court reversed the court-ordered breakup of Microsoft, but ruled that the software giant had violated antitrust laws, and appointed another judge to determine a new punishment.

Five years ago: Israeli warplanes buzzed the seaside home of Syria's president and bombed Hamas targets in Gaza to pressure Palestinian militants into freeing a kidnapped Israeli soldier, Cpl. Gilad Shalit.

One year ago: The FBI announced the arrests of 10 suspected deep-cover agents, including Anna Chapman, the chic 28-year-old daughter of a Russian diplomat.

Today's Birthdays: Blues singer-musician David "Honeyboy" Edwards is 96. Comedian-movie director Mel Brooks is 85. Comedian-impressionist John Byner is 74. Rock musician Dave Knights (Procul Harum) is 66. Actor Bruce Davison is 65. Actress Kathy Bates is 63. Actress Alice Krige is 57. Actress Jessica Hecht is 46. Rock musician Saul Davies (James) is 46. Actress Mary Stuart Masterson is 45. Actor John Cusack is 45. Actor Gil Bellows is 44. Actress-singer Danielle Brisebois is 42. Jazz musician Jimmy Sommers is 42. Actress Tichina Arnold is 42. Actor Alessandro Nivola is 39. Actress Camille Guaty is 35. Rock musician Tim Nordwind (OK Go) is 35. Rock musician Mark Stoermer (The Killers) is 34. Country singer Kellie Pickler is 25.

Thought for Today: "The glory of each generation is to make its own precedents." - Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood, American social reformer (1830-1917)



You can choose your friends, but...

While it might sound like a Hollywood screenplay, what follows really did happen. It was a bare-knuckles political fight for the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate featuring two heavyweight contenders.

One was the state's respected attorney general, Edward J. McCormack, who was the nephew-surrogate son of the childless Democratic speaker of the U.S. House, John W. McCormack, a resident of working-class South Boston. He was opposed by the inexperienced Edward M. Kennedy, the youngest brother of the Democratic president of the United States, John F. Kennedy, registered to vote from aristocratic Beacon Hill. Seeking public endorsements from elected officeholders to burnish his thin credentials, Ted Kennedy invited Boston state legislators for lunch at Locke-Ober, then probably Boston's most elegant and pricey restaurant. One young freshman state representative from South Boston who had never set foot in the prestigious eatery had been urged to attend just to order the house specialty, lobster Savannah.

As the young state representative would later recall, of the dozen or so invitees to the Kennedy lunch, "everybody ordered soup (30 cents) or tuna fish salad (\$1.85). No one ordered both. When it came to me, I ordered lobster Savannah" -- at the then-unimaginable price of \$10. This drew stares from the others at the table, who were being pressured by Kennedy's campaign manager then

and there to publicly endorse the president's brother.

Everyone did just that except the South Boston legislator who described the scene: "When it came to me, I said -- between bites of succulent lobster -- 'I can't be with you, Ted. The McCormacks are my neighbors.'"

Kennedy's campaign manager reportedly snapped, "Could you at least stop eating for a minute so we can talk with you?" But Ted Kennedy, himself, summed up the rejection best: "I don't know whether we should try to persuade him. I don't think we can afford to feed him."

Of course, Kennedy defeated Eddie McCormack and went on to serve in the U.S. Senate for 47 years. But the young state legislator, himself, went on a remarkable career where, among other achievements, he successfully led the effort to write Massachusetts' first child-abuse reporting laws and championed a precedent-setting education reform law that reduced the spending inequities on children living in poor communities with those in affluent suburbs. He pushed for charter schools and school choice while making sure that public libraries were well-funded.

He became, between 1978 and 1996,



MARK SHIELDS

the longest-serving Massachusetts state senate president in history, and followed that by successfully improving public higher education by serving, for seven years, as the president of the University of Massachusetts.

And why is all this relevant? Because this week the FBI arrested in Santa Monica, Calif., James "Whitey" Bulger, an alleged Boston crime gang leader who was indicted in 1995 by federal authorities for his role in 19 murders and who had been on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list since 1999.

In many of the stories about "Whitey" Bulger, it is reported that his younger brother, William "Billy" Bulger had been a powerful Massachusetts politician renowned for his intelligence and his wielding of power who, he admitted, accepted a phone call from his fugitive brother in 1995.

But long before he became a paragraph or a sneering mention in reports about the capture of his notorious brother, Bill Bulger was a young state representative who ordered lobster Savannah in Locke-Ober, supported underdog Eddie McCormack, his South Boston neighbor, against Ted Kennedy, and who improved the lives of a lot of people he never met and who never met him.

It really is true: You can choose your friends, but not your relatives.

Mark Shields is a nationally syndicated columnist.

Recession forces states to rethink tourism

MIKE BAKER
Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) - Like a business trying to sell a product, Washington state has for years attracted visitors by promoting stunning images of some of the nation's most majestic scenery from the snow-capped peaks of the Cascades to the rainforests and thundering waterfalls of the Olympic Peninsula.

That marketing is now coming to an abrupt end.

By the end of this week, Washington will close its official tourism agency and become the only state to cease all state funding for self-promotion. It's just one example of how states are coping with budget deficits brought on by slumping tax revenue.

"When you're taking kids off health care and raising tuition, you have to make some tough decisions," said Senate Republican Leader Mike Hewitt, who has for years sat on a commission that guides Washington's tourism strategy.

In May, the state Legislature eliminated the remaining funding for the tourism agency, about \$2 million for the coming fiscal year. State support had been as high as \$7 million in years past.

Not all states are following Washington's approach. Some view tourism as a key industry that will contribute to an economic rebound, one that is worthy of state support even in an era of declining revenue for other services.

Michigan, surrounded by the Great Lakes, is pouring millions of dollars into marketing campaigns, hoping for any advantage in the competition for the small amount of discretionary cash consumers are willing to spend on travel.

Even though Michigan has consistently had one of the nation's highest unemployment rates, it will spend about \$25 million this year on marketing. That is five times the budget it had for self-promotion just six years ago. The state's tourism industry contributes a small amount.

Michigan is now in the middle of its largest national advertising buy

- spending more than \$11 million to splash its "Pure Michigan" message on cable. George Zimmermann, vice president for Travel Michigan, said research indicates that a dollar spent on out-of-state advertising returns \$3.29 in tax money alone - and much more for businesses.

"It's a bit of a no-brainer," Zimmerman said. "Tourism is not the answer to restoring the Michigan economy, but we do believe it's one of the answers."

Some states have established public-private partnerships to share the cost of marketing.

California state government pays for just a fraction of a tourism budget that relies on assessments paid by hotels, restaurants, rental car companies and other tourism-related businesses. The annual budget for promoting travel to California is about \$50 million, but only about \$200,000 of that will come from the state in the fiscal year that begins July 1.

Marsha Massey, Washington state's departing tourism director, said her state should follow that model, allowing the industry to be responsible for its own promotions.

"It is going to be a positive for the state's tourism industry to really be in charge of their own destiny," Massey said. "The process of getting here to there is going to take a little time."

To fill the void, Washington's tourism industry has established a new promotional organization. It will take over some state assets - such as the tourism website - but is still trying to identify a way to fund a sustained marketing campaign.

The group has raised more than \$300,000, said Kim Bennett, chief executive officer of the Vancouver Regional Tourism Office in southwest Washington. She would like to see a minimum of \$15 million.

"We cannot continue to operate and be competitive with other states without appropriate funding," Bennett said. "Everyone who is selling a good or a service or a destination, you have to get out and market. Your competitors are out there marketing."

Visitors to Washington spent some

\$15.2 billion in 2010, according to state figures.

About half the states are shrinking their marketing budgets, while the other half plan to increase them, according to the U.S. Travel Association.

New York's spending is down 60 percent to \$5.5 million, while Arizona is down 40 percent to \$8 million. Even Hawaii, one of the world's leading tourism destinations, is trying to redirect tourism money to other uses.

Gov. Neil Abercrombie said this year that tax dollars spent on promoting tourism in the state were disproportionate to other needs. He vowed to spend more of that money on social programs, environmental protection and infrastructure improvements.

Marketing money comes from a 9.25 percent tax on Hawaii hotel rooms and other accommodations. The amount to be spent from that pot on tourism will be capped at \$69 million for the next four fiscal years.

While that's still a healthy budget, the cap is projected to divert \$7 million to other state priorities in the next fiscal year.

Alaska, Louisiana and Michigan had the largest increases in marketing dollars between this year and last, according to the travel association.

"What Washington has done puts that state on an island," said Geoff Freeman, executive vice president of the travel association. "No state at this point in time has been, with all due respect to Washington, as shortsighted as those leaders have been."

The only other state that comes close to rivaling Washington's cuts during the recession is Connecticut, which essentially eliminated its tourism budget for two years but maintained its staff. Connecticut is reversing itself, with a new budget for the next two fiscal years that proposes restoring \$15 million to the program.

The state's tourism industry has been limping along and struggling to stay competitive, said Randy Fiveash, Connecticut's tourism division director.

"We know we lost market share," he said.

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Wildfire swells near N.M. nuke plant

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — A vicious wildfire spread through the mountains above a northern New Mexico town on Tuesday, driving thousands of people from their homes as officials at a government nuclear laboratory tried to dispel concerns about the safety of sensitive materials.

The wildfire — which has swelled to about 93 square miles — sparked a spot fire at the Los Alamos National Laboratory on Monday. The fire was quickly contained, and lab officials said no contamination was released and radioactive materials stored at spots on the sprawling lab were safe.

No fires burned on lab property overnight, but teams from the National Nuclear Security Administration's Radiological Assistance Program were headed to the scene to help assess any nuclear or radiological hazards, said Kevin Smith, Los Alamos Site Office manager.

"The ... teams' work will provide another level of assurance that the community is safe from potential radiological releases as the fire progresses," Smith said in a statement.

The lab will be closed through at least Wednesday, with only essential employees permitted back onto laboratory property.

The wildfire has destroyed 30 structures south and west of Los Alamos, for many stirring memories of a devastating blaze in May 2000 that destroyed hundreds of homes and buildings in town. About 12,500 residents have been evacuated from Los Alamos, an orderly exit that didn't even cause a traffic accident.

Flames were just across the road from the southern edge of the famed lab, where scientists developed the first atomic bomb during World War II. The facility cut natural gas to some areas as a precaution.

Albert

examine the impact of leadership through American history.

To get selected for the program, Brady had to choose an American leader he admired and craft a collage about him. He picked former president George W. Bush.

"He's my favorite presi-

dent, so that's why I chose him," said Brady. "He has a lot of social skills and he's honest and he has a good foundation for the future."

Brady said he's very much looking forward to the program.

"It's going to help me be a better leader in what-

ever I do," Brady said.

"I'm just waiting to see where God leads me," added Brady, who added that he's interested in possible careers in graphic art or genetics.

For now, that path leads to Washington, D.C., a place Brady has never been.

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When asked what he was most looking forward to seeing, he smiled and said, "The Lincoln Memorial."

Proud mom Kendra, for her part, said that Brady has persevered to merit his JrNYLC selection.

"He's worked really hard," she said. "He tries to keep straight A's all the time and tries to be involved in different things. He's just started to send out his feelers to see what he wants to be interested in later in life. This is a really good opportunity for him to see a direction he wants to go."

The trip will cost \$2,500, Kendra said, adding that she hopes to be able to find some additional financial help or sponsorship for Brady as he represents Pampa in D.C.

So far, they have raised about \$1,300. Anyone interested in contributing to Brady's trip may contact Kendra at 806-664-4118 or online at kendra.albert@yahoo.com.



photo courtesy of Kelley Bilyeu

As an honorary page at the Texas House of Representatives, 8-year-old Lacey Bilyeu got to spend her day interacting with officials such as Rep. Warren Chisum (left) and House Speaker Joe Straus.

Bilyeu

said. "I got to bang the gavel after people talked."

She also met various government officials, including Texas Speaker

of the House Joe Straus. Asked if the experience was a first step into a possible career in politics, Lacey, a second grader

at Travis Elementary, grinned.

"It was fun," she said. "I want to be a teacher. It might help."

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My son is single and enjoys vacationing with us every summer. He pays all his expenses.

My married daughter has become jealous. Her financial situation is such that I would have to pay her expenses if she were to vacation with us. We also have a compact SUV, so when our luggage is in the car, there's room for only one other person besides my wife and me.

Am I showing partiality to my son, who does not have a spouse to travel with and is able to pay his own way? Most years I guess we could afford to take my daughter and pay her expenses, but I feel her financial situation is the result of her own poor planning. — DAD IN DES MOINES

DEAR DAD: I can see how hearing about the enjoyable trips your son shares with you every summer might sting when your daughter hears about them. But does she expect that you include her husband on these trips and pay his way, too? And what about the driving and luggage arrangements if her husband accompanies her? Also, if you invite only her, how would her husband feel about being left

behind?

A more practical alternative would be to figure out some other activity you, your daughter and her spouse can enjoy together that doesn't involve travel.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a widow in love with a wonderful man. We have decided to live together for a few months before getting married. Had we done this with our former spouses, we could have avoided marriages that led to divorce.

My mother has always said living together before marriage is a good idea. That was, until I told her my fiancé and I plan to. She went ballistic! She said it's OK for others, but not HER daughter. Her main concern is what people may think or say to her. I told her to simply say, "It's my daughter's business, and she's old enough to make her own decisions."

I'm upset by Mother's reaction. She seems to think that because she gave me life she has the right to run it. I'm a mature, responsible adult who can make her own life decisions. What do you think? — SHACKLING UP IN SYRACUSE

you need to do what is right for you. Your mother comes from a generation when standards were more strait-laced and judgmental than they are today. So remember she loves you, forgive her for "going ballistic" and agree to disagree.

DEAR ABBY: I am madly in love (infatuated?) with my surgeon. I had a bilateral mastectomy and he saved my life. The cancer is gone.

It has been almost a year, and I need to return for a checkup. I haven't stopped thinking about "Dr. Dreamy" this entire year. We are both in our 40s; I'm single, he's single. Would it be unethical if I act on my feelings and let him know? Should I get another doctor? Or do I just go to the appointment and "grin and 'bare' it"? Help! — "GEORGE" ON MY MIND IN PHOENIX

DEAR "GEORGE" ON YOUR MIND: You have nothing to lose by baring your soul as well as the rest of you at the time of your checkup. However, if there is mutual interest, it would be unethical of Dr. Dreamy to become involved with you while you are his patient.

BANANAGRAMS!

Add a **B** to each of the five-letter words below and then rearrange the letters in each word to form a new six-letter word.

ABIDE

CANOE

HALER

CEDAR

Yesterday's Answer: GAGA, GALA, GALL, GULL, LULU, WHEW, PHEW, HEMP, HUMP, PUMA

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 41 French

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21 "— your loss!"

22 Owed amount

23 Strong winds

26 Cryptography topic

27 Assist in crime

28 Ewe's mate

29 Light metal

30 Bug

34 Golfer Ernie

35 Had supper

36 Outback bird

37 Kitchen gadget

40 Make law

DOWN

1 Tibetan monks

2 Last Greek letter

3 Stacked

4 Big head

5 Shakespeare poems

6 Rings

7 Completely

8 Akin

9 Drink cooler

10 City ways

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23 Table type

24 Chisholm Trail end

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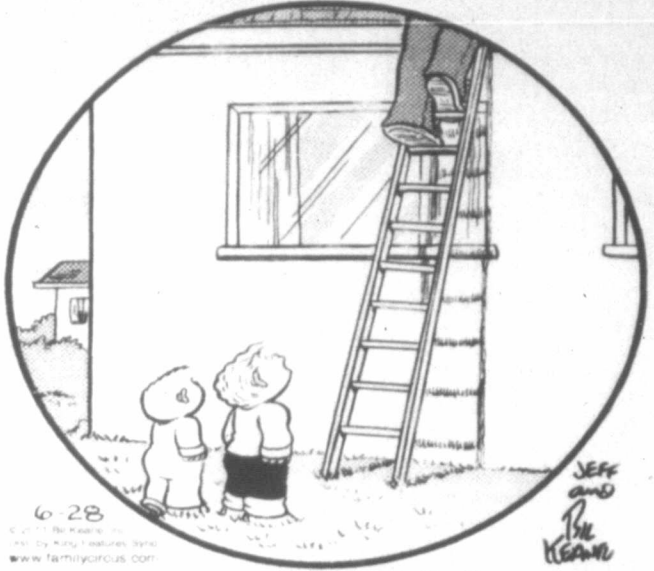
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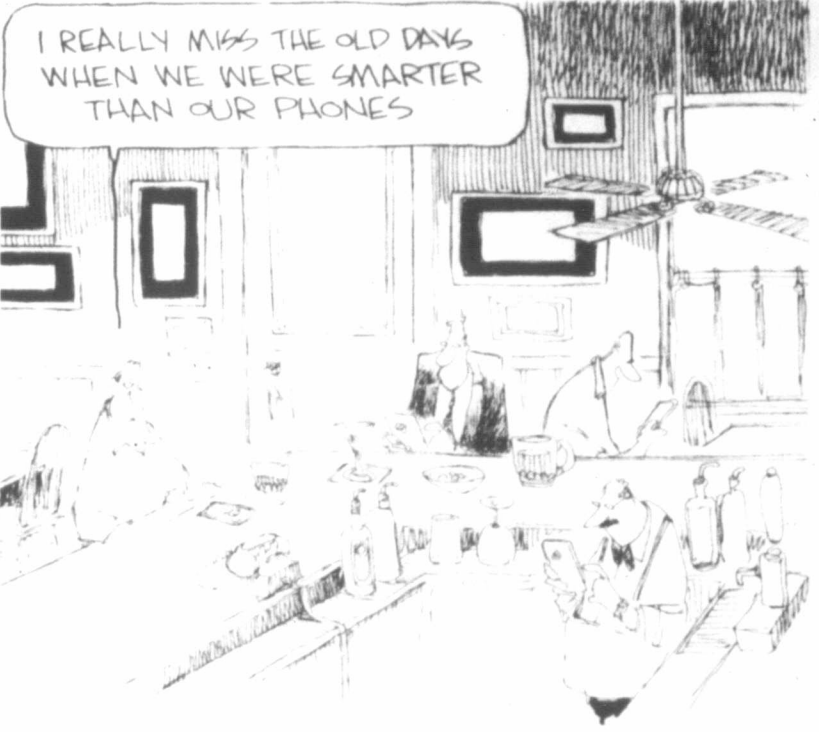
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"But I thought I COULD throw the ball over the house."

Non Sequitur



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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, June 29, 2011.

This year, you open up to many new experiences. Sometimes, if you feel there is a backfire, you blame yourself. Weigh the risks more often. Observe a tendency to suppress your anger. This is an excellent year to do some personal work. Understand what you want for you, learning to handle those inner feelings will be helpful too. If you are single, check out new people with care. You might be projecting your desires onto someone, making him or her more like you want. If you are attached, make sure to set aside plenty of private time for the two of you. Ask your sweetie for help dealing with your anger. GEMINI understands you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★ Keep your eye on your objectives. You easily could get distracted by someone who has a great deal of clout in your life. You become irritated or frustrated when dealing with this person. Curb automatic reactions. Consider and weigh your responses. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ You could be possessive and touchy, more than you realize. Many of you suppress your feelings through spending or by working overtime. Would it not be better to see your feelings for what they are, and not automatically react to them? Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★ You might need to go within to find the right or appropriate reaction. A friend, child or new love interest could be raining on your parade. This person is only successful because you let him or her be. Claim your power. Tonight: A force to behold.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★ Knowing what you want is instrumental. You might need to be slightly more subtle than in the past. You seem to have a greater impact by doing less. Others miss your strong sense of self and direction. Tonight: Vanish, and add mystery.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★ Push comes to shove. Your energy is off, and getting it back in sync could be tough. You might want to listen

to friends, especially a male who could be pushing you past your limits. Defer for now, and you will be happier. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★ Take a stand, but know that others could disagree and let you know it in no uncertain terms. Your ability to move through a problem helps. Still, detach some. A child or loved one could be testy. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★ Reach out for advice or feedback from someone you trust. You find others to be unpredictable, and they continue to be. You might want to break past a boundary that is self-imposed. There is no reason why you shouldn't. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ You might become more assertive with a partner or associate than normal. You could feel as if he or she has pushed you too far, hence your reaction. Know when you have had enough. Tonight: Have an important talk over dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★ Others come forward but might have a boisterous or difficult tone or attitude. You have some choices to make. To join or not to join? You alone know what is right for you. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★ Your perspective changes. You also might be putting in more than your fair share but not reaping the benefits. If you are feeling overwhelmed, ask someone to pitch in, or delegate a job. You know what to do! Tonight: You first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★ Your playfulness could draw some intense reactions. Your ability to move a project forward emerges. Know when you have had enough of someone's manipulation. Just stop playing. Let your imagination find the solution. Tonight: Paint the town red.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★ Know when you have had enough. Step back. You might think you are the issue, and a partner has pointed to you as the problem. Step back and gain a new perspective. What you will see is that it takes two to tango. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

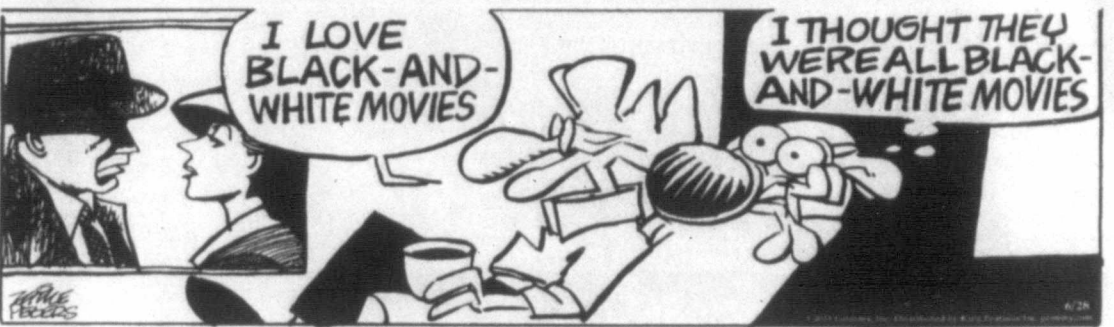
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Sports

PHS senior Collins competes at CSU's Elite Camp

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Pampa High School senior Latigo Collins has played basketball since he was little always having the goal of playing Division One college basketball. Thursday in Fort Collins, Colo. Collins got the opportunity to display his talent at Colorado State's Elite Basketball camp.

Collins said he sent highlights to CSU to get invited, adding that he couldn't describe how it felt to get selected. "It's pretty cool," Collins said. "Always wanted to play at that level. I'm just going to keep playing and see what happens."

Collins said they executed drills and played a lot of games.

"We against and with the CSU players," Collins said. "It was pretty cool and really good competition."

Collins said he wasn't quite at their level but will work to get there.



Collins

"That's what I'm working for," Collins said. "Their size and strength is probably the biggest difference."

Head boys basketball coach Dustin Miller said Collins is well deserving of the interest.

"In all my years, I have had very few that work at it as hard as Latigo," Miller said.

The senior guard also visited with Wyoming University. Collins said the visit went well.

"They don't have scholarships," Collins said. "They talked to me about walking on because it wouldn't cost much because my mom played volleyball there."

Collins said he could see himself fitting at CSU or Wyoming.

"I have family in Fort Collins," Collins said. "My mom went to Wyoming."



Miller

Collins said he plans to visit more colleges at the end of July.

"I will visit quite a few when I go to Pennsylvania," Collins said.

The senior guard says he doesn't think too much pressure will be added on him next season.

"There might be some people coming to a few games to watch me," Collins said. "I don't think it will add much pressure. I'm just going to play my game and try to win games. It will be exciting."

Last season, Collins was the PHS basketball team's leading scorer, helping the Harvesters to the regional finals. Collins was named District 1-3A MVP and earned all-tournament selections at the River Road, Caprock Classic and Regional Tournaments. At the end of the season, Collins was named to the All-Region team.

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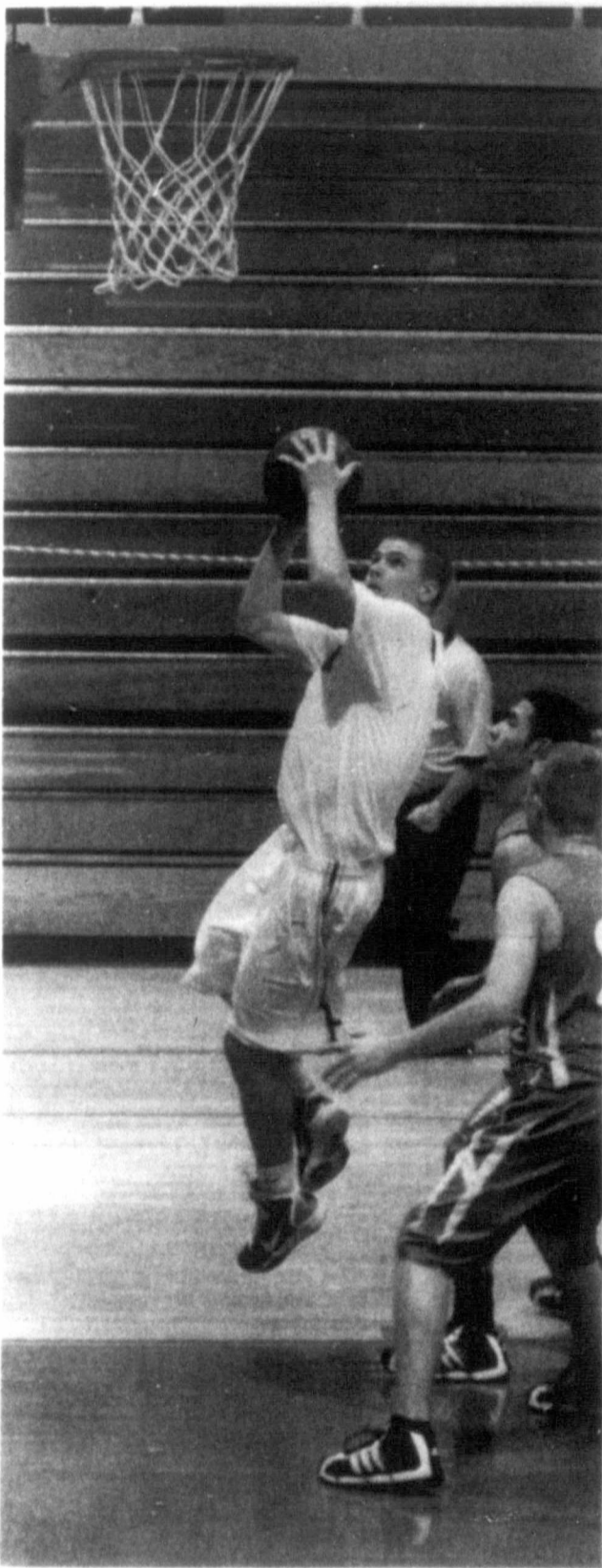


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Latigo Collins makes a layup in a December game against Floydada. Collins was invited to CSU's Elite Camp and played against and with CSU's players.

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